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Nicholas D. Garrett and Orin Christopher Meyers of Godlove, Joyner, Godlove, Garrett & Meyers, Inc., Attorneys for Bruce R. Councilman, sumbit this Brief in opposition to the Petition which the Solicitor General filed on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, et al., for a writ of Certiorari to review the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in this case.

OPINIONS BELOW

The opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit is set out in Appendix A, *infra, pp.* 7-11 and is reported at 481 F.2d 613.

The opinion of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma is set out in

Appendix B, *infra, pp.* 12-15. The United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma also entered a memorandum opinion and Order Overruling Petition for Reconsideration. This opinion is set out at Appendix C, *infra, pp.* 16-19. Neither opinion of the District Court is published in the official reporters.

QUESTION PRESENTED

Whether a Court Martial has jurisdiction to try a member of the Armed Forces who is charged with the commission of a crime cognizable in a Civilian Court and having as its only Military significance the involvement of an undercover CID agent where the offense was alleged to have been committed off post and during off-duty hours, thus depriving the serviceman of his constitutional right to indictment by a Grand Jury and a trial by a jury of his peers in a Civilian Court.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The facts in this case are not in dispute. A stipulation of the facts in this case is set out in Appendix D, *infra, pp.* 20-23. The facts have again been stated by the Court of Appeals in its opinion (Appendix A, *pp.* 7-9).

Bruce R. Councilman is a Captain on active duty in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Army authorities were advised by a confidential informant that Captain Councilman was using marijuana in his off-post apartment. Thereafter, at a party, to which he was invited for that purpose, Captain Councilman was introduced to an undercover Agent of the Army's

Criminal Investigation Division. The undercover Agent, Specialist Four, Glen D. Skaggs, used the alias Danny Drees and represented himself to be an Army Clerk-Typist, also stationed at Fort Sill. Thereafter, it is alleged that Councilman, on one occasion transferred and on another occasion sold small amounts of marijuana to the undercover Agent.

As the result of the undercover Agent's investigation, Captain Councilman was apprehended by Civilian authorities and a search of his apartment turned up a small quantity of marijuana. Skaggs, from time to time, also acted on behalf of the civilian authorities. Councilman was subsequently turned over to the Military authorities and was charged before an Army Court Martial with three offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, those offenses being:

(1) Wrongful sale of marijuana to Specialist Four Glen D. Skaggs in Lawton, Oklahoma, on March 15, 1972, at 10:30 p.m. 1/

(2) Transfer of marijuana to Specialist Four, Glen D. Skaggs in Lawton, Oklahoma on March 15, 1972, at 1:15 a.m. 2/

(3) Wrongful possession of marijuana at his apartment in Lawton, Oklahoma, on March 18, 1972. 3/

1/ It was not stipulated in the Court below but it is not in dispute that the amount of marijuana involved in this charge is 5.9 grams, or .208 ounces.

2/ It was not stipulated in the Court below but it is not in dispute that the amount of marijuana involved in this charge is two cigarettes.

3/ It was not stipulated in the Court below but it is not in dispute that the amount of marijuana involved in this charge is 39.98 grams, or 1.410 ounces.

At all times relevant to this case, it has been stipulated that Captain Councilman was off-post, off-duty, out of uniform, and that the undercover Agent, Skaggs, was off-post and out of uniform and although ostensively off-duty was in fact on duty in his capacity as an undercover agent.

Motions were filed and presented to the presiding Military Judge of the Court Martial Proceedings to dismiss the charges against Captain Councilman on the ground the Military had no jurisdiction to try him in a Court Martial Proceeding. Briefs were filed, evidence heard and the Motion was denied. The Court Martial Proceedings were set for trial to begin at 9:00 a.m., on July 11, 1972. Captain Councilman then sought a temporary restraining Order in the District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, enjoining the Army from proceeding with the Court Martial. The District Court, after hearing argument, issued an Order enjoining the Court Martial proceedings on the ground the Court Martial lacked jurisdiction to try Captain Councilman for the alleged offense because they were not service connected. The Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals has affirmed the decision of the District Court.

REASONS FOR DENYING THE WRIT

Petitioners plea for a writ of Certiorari to review the Judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit should be denied because:

(1) The U.S. Supreme Court has already considered the major questions raised here in *O'Callahan v. Parker*, 395 U.S. 258 and *Relford v. Commandant*, 401 U.S. 355. These cases have held that there must be a sufficient "service connection" to confer Court Martial

jurisdiction, thereby denying the servceman his constitutional right to a trial by a jury of his peers in a civilian Court. In the *Relford* decision the Supreme Court set forth twelve numbered tests and nine lettered interests which it considered to be implicit in the *O'Callahan* case for measuring "service connection".

The Circuit Court, in the present case, properly reasoned that eleven of the twelve numbered tests pointed clearly away from Court Martial Jurisdiction. Only on the "victim" point did the Court indicate consideration was needed. The Court properly reasoned that the undercover agent was not the type of Military "victim" the *Relford* decision was designed to encompass.

As to the lettered interests of *Relford*, the Circuit Court in the present case, properly determined that none pointed toward "service connection" and that no more than the commission of any crime does this type of alleged crime affect Military discipline.

(2) Captain Councilman was charged under Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Although the question has not been presented in this case, the constitutionality of the entire Article has been challenged, see *Averech v. Secretary of the Navy*, 41 U.S.L.W. 2497 (D.C. Cir. March 20, 1973) also *Levy v. Parker*, 41 U.S.L.W. 2597 (3rd Cir. April 18, 1973). Since the validity of Article 134 is not considered here, the precedent value of any decision by the Court in this case would be limited.

For these reasons the petition for a Writ of Certiorari should be denied.

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APPENDIX A

United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit

No. 72–1812

(Filed July 19, 1973)

BRUCE R. COUNCILMAN, APPELLEE

v.

MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, ET AL., APPELLANTS

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma (D.C. No. 72–462)

***Anthony J. Steinmeyer,* Attorney, Department of Justice (*Harlington Wood, Jr.,* Assistant Attorney General, *William R. Burkett,* United States Attorney, *Walter H. Fleischer* and *Michael H. Stein,* Attorneys, Department of Justice, with him on the Brief) for appellants.**

***Nicholas D. Garrett* and *Orin Christopher Meyers,* Lawton, Oklahoma, for appellee.**

Before SETH, HOLLOWAY, and MCWILLIAMS, Circuit Judges

SETH, *Circuit Judge.*

Appellants, defendants below, appeal from an order of the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, permanently enjoining the de-

fendants from continuing with court-martial proceedings against appellee.

As a basis of its order, the trial court found that the offenses with which appellee was charged by the military were not "service connected" within the meaning of that term as developed in the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States in *O'Callahan* v. *Parker,* 395 U.S. 258, and *Relford* v. *Commandant,* 401 U.S. 355.

Appellee Councilman, a Captain in the United States Army stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, was charged under the Uniform Code of Military Justice with the wrongful sale and transfer of marijuana to an enlisted man, Army Specialist Four Glenn D. Skaggs. He was also charged with the wrongful possession of marijuana which took place on another occasion. Although Captain Councilman was charged under Article 134, the general article, the constitutionality of which has been questioned, see *Avrech* v. *Secretary of the Navy,* 41 U.S.L.W. 2497 (D.C. Cir. March 20, 1973); *Levy* v. *Parker,* 41 U.S.L.W. 2597 (3d Cir. April 18, 1973); that issue is not presented to us, and it is unnecessary to decide it in the context of this case.

Councilman sought to have the court-martial proceedings dismissed for lack of jurisdiction, but his motion was denied by the presiding judge of the court-martial. This suit was then commenced.

The facts, which are not in dispute, are as follows: The Army authorities were advised by a confidential informant that Councilman was using marijuana in his off-post apartment. Thereafter, at a party to which he was invited for that purpose, Captain Councilman was introduced to an undercover agent of the Army's Criminal Investigation Division, Specialist Four Glenn D. Skaggs. Skaggs was using the name Danny

Drees, and was introduced to Councilman as an Army clerk-typist, also stationed at Fort Sill. Thereafter it is alleged that Councilman on one occasion transferred, and on another sold, small amounts of marijuana to Skaggs, alias Drees.

Based on Skaggs' investigation, Councilman was apprehended by civilian authorities, and a search of his apartment turned up a small quantity of marijuana. Skaggs from time to time also acted on behalf of the civilian authorities. Councilman was subsequently turned over to military authorities, and the court-martial proceedings here in issue were commenced. During all times relevant to the issues in this case, it is stipulated that Councilman was off-post, off-duty, and out of uniform, and that Skaggs was off-post and out of uniform, and although ostensibly off-duty, was in fact on duty in his capacity as an undercover agent.

In *Relford* v. *Commandant,* 401 U.S. 355, referred to by the trial court, the Supreme Court set forth twelve tests which it considered to be implicit from the holding in *O'Callahan* v. *Parker,* 395 U.S. 258. These standards are to be used in determining if offenses are "service connected." A review of the facts in the present case in the light of *Relford* reveals that only one of the standards or factors need be here considered. This one concerns whether the "victim" is engaged in a duty relating to the military. As to this element, we do not consider that Skaggs, alias Drees, was a "victim" in the ordinary sense. Also if the time of the offense is considered, Skaggs was not then engaged outwardly in the performance of any duty relating to the military. The opinion in *Relford* does not indicate that the Supreme Court had in mind this type of situation when it referred to a person performing military duties or to a "victim." The

Relford Court also added nine other factors that should be taken into consideration in arriving at a determination of whether a crime is sufficiently "service connected" so as to confer jurisdiction on a military court. These factors are enumerated at 401 U.S. 367, 369. As to these factors, the Government argues that because the alleged sale and transfer of marijuana was between two servicemen, and particularly here between an officer and an enlisted man, they have shown sufficient "service connection" to enable the military courts to assume jurisdiction over appellee. Of the nine factors, only one might be present here. This factor relates to the rank of the persons involved in the incident or the fact that both were servicemen.

It has been held that the off-base possession of marijuana by a serviceman is not "service connected." *Moylan* v. *Laird,* 305 F. Supp. 551 (D.R.I.). Neither is off-base use of marijuana. *Cole* v. *Laird,* 468 F. 2d 829 (5th Cir.). Nor is the off-base sale by a serviceman to a civilian. *United States* v. *Morley,* 20 USCMA 179. It has also been held that there is no "service connection" when a serviceman commits an off-duty, off-base, out of uniform offense against the dependents of another serviceman, *United States* v. *Henderson,* 18 USCMA 601, although the Court of Military Appeals has held that any offense by one serviceman against another, even if committed off-base, off-duty, and while the offender is in civilian

attire and unaware that his victim is the person or property of another serviceman, is sufficiently "service connected" to confer court-martial jurisdiction. *United States* v. *Camacho,* 19 USCMA 11.

We cannot agree that this sale or transfer of marijuana, as we previously said, involved any "victim," and it appears that "service connection" based on this theory is so remote as to be not at all within the meaning of that term as used by the Supreme Court in *O'Callahan* and *Relford.* See *United States* v. *Cook,* 19 USCMA 13; *Silvero* v. *Chief of Naval Air Basic Training,* 428 F. 2d 1009 (5th Cir.).

The requirement of indictment by a grand jury and the right to a jury trial are not forfeited by a person simply because he chooses, or is in some cases required, to serve his country as a member of the Armed Forces. These rights should be preserved to a serviceman insofar as possible without interfering with military discipline. In the instant case, there is no military connection with the crime other than the fact that Councilman and Skaggs were members of the Armed Forces. The commission of the crimes that appellee stands accused of affects military discipline no more than commission of any crime by any serviceman.

The trial court was correct in its determination that the military was without jurisdiction to proceed with the court-martial of Captain Councilman and in issuing the injunction.

Affirmed.

APPENDIX B

In the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma

Civil No. 72–462

(Filed July 7, 1972)

BRUCE R. COUNCILMAN, PLAINTIFF

v.

MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; ROBERT F. FROEHLKE, SECRETARY OF THE ARMY; MAJOR GENERAL R. WETHERILL, COMMANDING GENERAL OF FT. SILL, OKLAHOMA; AND MAJOR ARCHIBALD M. S. MCCOLL, STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE OF FT. SILL, OKLAHOMA, DEFENDANTS

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND JUDGMENT

The above-entitled case came on regularly for hearing before the Honorable Stephen S. Chandler, United States District Judge, the plaintiff, Bruce R. Councilman, appearing in person and by Nicholas D. Garrett and W. W. Godlove, and the defendants appearing by O. B. Johnston III, Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, Captain Charles W. Turnbaugh and Captain Perry M. Raymond, both of the Judge Advocate General Corps; and the parties having stipulated as to certain facts hereinafter enumerated, and each having submitted briefs, announced ready for the hearing, and the Court, being fully advised in the premises, finds:

STIPULATION OF FACTS

It was stipulated that Bruce R. Councilman, plaintiff in said cause, is a Captain on active duty in the United States Army and stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma; that plaintiff is presently charged before an Army court-martial with three offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, said offenses being:

1. Wrongful sale of marijuana to Specialist–4, Glenn D. Skaggs in Lawton, Oklahoma, on March 15, 1972, at 10:30 p.m.

2. Transfer of marijuana to Specialist–4, Glenn D Skaggs in Lawton, Oklahoma, on March 15, 1972, at 1:15 a.m.

3. Wrongful possession of marijuana at his apartment in Lawton, Oklahoma, on March 18, 1972.

It was further stipulated that the alleged offenses occurred in the civilian community of Lawton, Oklahoma, while plaintiff was off duty and out of uniform. Immediately following the search of his apartment in Lawton, Oklahoma, plaintiff was taken by the civilian and military authorities to the Lawton Police Department, where he was booked and later removed to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

That at all times the civilian courts were open for any one or more of the above charges to be filed.

The Court, for the purpose of this hearing, accepted as true the stipulation that Investigator Skaggs and Investigator Nelson, a CID agent, would testify that Skaggs was introduced to plaintiff, Bruce R. Councilman, in the apartment of Investigator Nelson, who had invited Bruce R. Councilman to attend, and at that time, according to the offered testimony of the defendants, Investigator Nelson introduced Investigator Skaggs as being a man by the name of Danny

Drees, a Specialist-4 Clerk in the Army training center at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

That Investigator Skaggs carried on his investigation of Bruce R. Councilman between the dates of March 10 and March 18, 1972. That at all times in his dealings with plaintiff herein, he was in civilian clothes, used the alias of Danny Drees, held himself out as a user of and dealer in marijuana.

That at all times subsequent thereto, Skaggs was used as an undercover agent in which numerous cases were filed by virtue of his activities involving both civilian and military personnel and that many of the military offenders apprehended for drug sales and transfers to Skaggs which occurred in the civilian community have been tried by civilian authorities, but that some have been tried by the military authorities.

That Motions were filed and presented to the presiding military judge of the court-martial proceedings to dismiss the charges against plaintiff because of the lack of jurisdiction of the military to try him in a court-martial proceeding, briefs were filed, evidence heard, and the Motion denied, and that the Court-martial proceeding was set for trial to begin at 9:00 a.m. on July 11, 1972.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Court, after having examined the Stipulation of Facts, together with oral stipulations above-referred to and having heard arguments of counsel, is of the opinion that the defendants, and each of them, lack jurisdiction to try the plaintiff for the above offenses. *James F. O'Callahan* v. *J. J. Parker,* 395 U.S. 258, 23 L.Ed. 291, 89 S. Ct. 1683 (1969); *Isiah Relford* v. *Commandant, U.S. Disciplinary Barracks,* 401 U.S.

355, 28 L.Ed. 2nd 102, 91 S. Ct. 649 (1971); *Moylan* v. *Laird,* 305 F. Supp. 551 (1969).

JUDGMENT

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND DECREED that the defendants, and each of them, be and they are hereby permanently enjoined from proceeding further with the court-martial proceedings against plaintiff on the three above-named charges and specifications.

(S) Stephen S. Chandler,
STEPHEN S. CHANDLER,
United States District Judge.

Approved:

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APPENDIX C

In the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma

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No. Civ-72-462

(Filed August 7, 1972)

BRUCE R. COUNCILMAN, PLAINTIFF

v.

MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE; ROBERT F. FROEHLKE, SECRETARY OF THE ARMY; MAJOR GENERAL R. WETHERILL, COMMANDING GENERAL OF FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA; AND MAJOR ARCHIBALD M. S. MCCOLL, STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE OF FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA, DEFENDANTS

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER OVERRULING PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

On this 3rd day of August, 1972, upon consideration of Petition for Reconsideration with brief attached, the Court finds that on July 5, 1972, the plaintiff filed in this Court (1) Motion for Temporary Restraining Order praying for a temporary restraining order restraining defendants from subjecting the plaintiff to court-martial proceedings scheduled for July 11, 1972, upon the ground that immediate and irreparable injury, loss and damage would result; (2) Motion for Preliminary Injunction; (3) Affidavit in Support of Motion for Temporary Restraining Order; and (4) Briefs in support of the foregoing motions.

Upon presentation of said papers to the undersigned Judge of said Court, an *ex parte* temporary restraining order was denied and the defendants were notified by telephone and agreed to be present the following day at 10:00 o'clock a.m. for a hearing of the Motion for Preliminary Injunction, at which time the parties appeared and the attorneys for the defendants filed Brief in Opposition to the granting of the relief prayed for by the plaintiff.

The Court, having considered the Agreed Statement of Facts, arguments and admissions of counsel, entered findings of fact, conclusions of law and Judgment enjoining the defendants from proceeding further with the court-martial proceedings against plaintiff on the charges and specifications described in the findings of fact. The matter is now before the Court on the defendants' Petition for Reconsideration.

The Court is of the opinion that the four instruments denominated Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, Motion for Preliminary Injunction, Affidavit in Support of Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and Brief filed in support thereof, which were simultaneously filed by the plaintiff on the 5th day of July, 1972, in view of Rule 8(e), meet the requirements of a Complaint as contemplated by Rule 3, FRCP. As authorized by Rule 8(f) in order to do substantial justice, said instruments were considered by the Court as fully complying with Rule 3(a), FRCP. Had objection been raised by defendants at the hearing, said pleadings would have been conformed to the Rules and such an order is hereby entered *Nunc Pro Tunc* as authorized by Rule 15(b) FRCP.

The pleadings filed by the plaintiff fully apprised the defendants of the nature of the relief sought, were served on the defendants' counsel on the date filed, a

day prior to the hearing. The record shows that the defendants were quite familiar with the facts involved regarding which there was no controversy and that defendants were represented by Captain Charles W. Turnbaugh and Captain Perry M. Raymond of the Judge Advocate General Corps, and O. B. Johnston III, Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, who announced ready for the hearing, filed written brief and lucidly and skillfully presented the factual and legal propositions involved.

While the Court did not at the time specifically reform the pleadings by changing the titles thereof, they were considered by the Court and counsel for the parties as adequate although not denominated "Complaint". The facts involved and the relief sought were just as clear from the four-corners of the four instruments filed by the plaintiff as if they had been denominated "Complaint", and just as clearly invoked the jurisdiction of the Court and the Court coming to the conclusion that under the law it was necessary for him to enter an injunction against the defendants to prevent irreparable damage to the plaintiff, entered and filed forthwith an Order enjoining the defendants from proceeding further with the court-martial proceedings.

As to the contention of the defendants that plaintiff did not request a permanent injunction and that the Court granted a permanent injunction *sua sponte,* the Court is of the opinion that while the word "permanent" may be superfluous, as a matter of law it simply means that the injunction is permanent until set aside by an appellate court, and signifies that there would be no purpose in entering a Temporary Order since all of the facts involved were before the Court

and it would be useless to grant a Temporary Injunction and set the matter for further hearing on whether or not a Permanent Injunction should be entered, since no good purpose could be served thereby.

The Court sought to effect a just and speedy determination of the action which resulted in a simple, short and inexpensive record for appeal if the defendants wish to apply to an appellate court for relief from the entry of the extraordinary writ of prohibition, all in accordance with the mandate of Rule 1, FRCP.

The Petition for Reconsideration is therefore overruled.

(S) STEPHEN S. CHANDLER,
United States District Judge.

APPENDIX D

In the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma

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No. Civ-72-462

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v.

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STIPULATION OF FACT

It is hereby stipulated by and between the plaintiff and the defendents that the following are true:

Bruce R. Councilman, plaintiff, is a captain on active duty in the US Army and stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The plaintiff is charged before an Army court-martial with three offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice:

(1) Wrongful sale of marihuana to Specialist Four Glenn D. Skaggs in Lawton, Oklahoma, at 10:30 p.m., 15 March 1972;

(2) Wrongful transfer of marihuana to Specialist Four Glenn D. Skaggs at 1:15 a.m., 15 March 1972, in Lawton, Oklahoma; and,

(3) Wrongful possession of marihuana at his apartment in Lawton, Oklahoma, on 18 March 1972.

The alleged offenses occurred in the civilian community of Lawton, Oklahoma, while the plaintiff was off duty and out of uniform.

From 10 March until 18 March 1972, Investigator Skaggs was acting as an undercover agent investigating the plaintiff and others and used the alias of Danny Drees. Skaggs has acted as an undercover agent in numerous cases involving both civilians and military personnel. Many of the military offenders apprehended for drug sales and transfers to Skaggs in the civilian community have been tried by the civilian authorities but some have been tried by the military authorities.

A motion was made to the presiding military judge to dismiss the charges against the plaintiff because of lack of jurisdiction. Briefs were accepted, evidence heard and the motion was denied. Trial on the merits is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 11 July 1972.

Respectfully submitted.

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STIPULATION OF EXPECTED TESTIMONY

If US Army Criminal Investigator James Nelson and US Army Military Police Investigator Glenn D. Skaggs were present in court and sworn as witnesses, they would testify substantially as follows:

On 10 March 1972, Investigator Nelson, as part of a criminal investigation, held a party in Lawton, Oklahoma at which Investigator Skaggs and the plaintiff were present. Investigator Skaggs was introduced to the plaintiff by Nelson as Danny Drees, a Specialist Four clerk in the Army Training Center at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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